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Tom and Barbara, I called Phil Chandler, DTSC Supervisor, regarding Quemetco after receiving correspondence regarding a proposed investigation workplan. DTSC requested a workplan from Quemetco to investigate potential lead contamination off site. DTSC was not satisfied with the proposed workplan, so they rewrote and approved the workplan. Quemetco is pushing back on the DTSC amended/approved workplan. The approved work plan includes a sampling approach that is similar to what is being implemented in the community surrounding Exide. DTSC position is that the neighbors around Quemetco deserve the same level of knowledge and protection provided to Exide. DTSC has requested 5 samples in the front yard and 5 samples in the back yard of each residence. There are over 1,100 residential units within the .5 mile radius. DTSC and Quemetco are meeting next week to discuss a path forward.

Quemetco is a lead acid battery recycler/smelter in the City of Industry, in Los Angeles. The facility began operations in 1958. The facility has a DTSC issued hazardous waste permit that recently expired. Apparently, there is a 1988 EPA consent agreement. This is likely a §3008(h)

Order (one of about 40 that were issued during the “H-Mania” days).

Phil mentioned that Quemetco is generally “cleaner” than Exide and they have a Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP), which is better control technology than what Exide used. He also believes that Quemetco may be requesting a permit increase from Southcoast now that Exide is shut down.

I have asked Mitch to come up to speed on the issues and to keep abreast of the situation. This is also a site we should discuss during our quarterly meetings with DTSC.

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